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Senate Bill 619

(Senator Forehand, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Health and Government Operations

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Task Force on the Establishment of a Maryland Women Veterans Monument

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This bill creates a task force to identify and recommend the funding, design, construction, and placement of a monument to honor Maryland women who have served in the U.S. armed forces. The task force must report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2005. The Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA) will provide staff.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2005 and terminates on December 31, 2005.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Any expense reimbursements for task force members and staffing costs for MDVA are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Background:** MDVA is responsible for the management of three veterans' monuments: the Korean War Memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, and the World War II Memorial. There are 376 veterans' memorials in the State. None of these memorials, however, are dedicated solely to women who have served in the U.S. armed forces.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 523 (Delegate Cadden, *et al.*) – Health and Government Operations.

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